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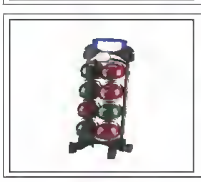

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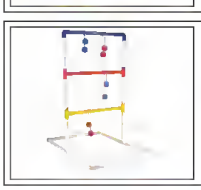

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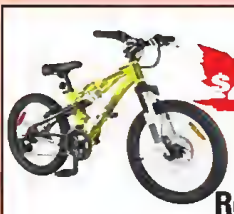

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Celebrate Canada Day in style

TONY CHISHOLM Special to the Advance

There will be Canada Day activities all day Monday, organized by the Friends of Fort George. The fun begins in Simcoe Park with breakfast at 8 a.m. moving to Fort George at 6 p.m. for evening entertainment that includes an artillery display, and ending with a spectacular new musical fireworks display at dusk.

Friends of Fort George throw a great party

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The Friends of Fort George are planning a day-long Canada Day celebration Sunday in Simcoe Park and at Fort George, leading up to a spectacular new musical fireworks display.

The day begins with a pancake breakfast in Simcoe Park, served by the Friends, starting at 8 a.m.

At noon, the Niagara-on-the-Lake Rotary Club takes over with a barbecue lunch in the park.

Entertainment in the park bandshell begins at 1 p.m. with Frankie Phelan Five Plus Two.

The crowd-pleasing cakewalk parade begins from the Charles Inn at 3 p.m., led by the 41st Regiment Fife and Drum Corps, and ends at Simcoe Park, with free cake for everyone. Willow Cakes and Pastries is once again designing and baking the cake.

Fort George is open, with no charge for admission, from 10 a.m, with events for young and old, including the Kiddie Militia and Drill, the Fort George Artillery, a dinner barbecue and More Bad News and the Horns from Hell in the evening.

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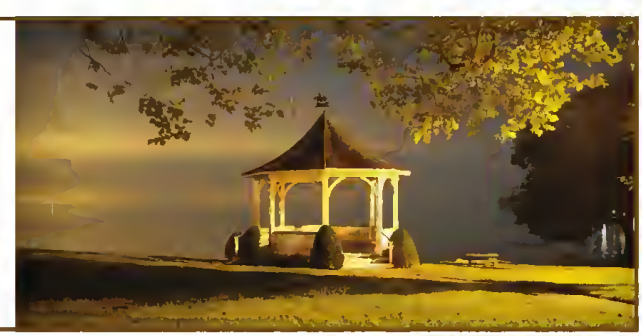

Town, board planning staff will continue to look at projected growth

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

A discussion last week between Town and school board representatives regarding school closures has fostered better understanding on both sides, says Gary Zalepa Jr., chair of the Town committee looking at educational facilities.

Tuesday's meeting was arranged following the announcement of an accommodation review of Parliament Oak Public School, which is suffering a significant decline in enrolment, and Crossroads Public School, which a board planning report says has room for Parliament Oak students.

Zalepa, town councillor and parent of two children at Parliament Oak, is also chair of the Town's Student Demographic Analysis Committee, formed after the closure of Niagara District Secondary School to look at the future of schools in Niagara-on-the-Lake and whether local students could be accommodated within town boundaries.

"It was a good meeting, a good dialogue between our town planners and the planning staff from the DSBN (District School Board of Niagara)," said Zalepa.

The board representatives outlined the challenges they face with a student population the size of Parliament Oak, where about 80 students are expected in September in the English program and the inevitability of three-grade splits.

Phil Leboudec is also on the Town committee and a parent of Crossroads students.

He and Zalepa have both talked of options they would like to see discussed that look at the future of education in town for all students.

Leboudec fears the exclusion of St. Davids, the third public elementary school in Niagara-on-the-Lake, from the review eliminates the possibility of looking at the big picture of education, which could include discussing options such as a Grade 7 and 8 school for all NOTL students, and even a high school that could include the middle grades.

Some parents of Parliament Oak students are already asking to send their kids to Crossroads in the fall, because they don't want their children enrolled in triple-grade split classes and also because they wish to benefit from the amenities offered at Crossroads Public School, says Brett Sweeney, communications officer at the school board.

St. Davids, at about 60 students below capacity, is not included in the review, and the Town and board planners agree St. Davids and Niagara-on-the-Green areas will experience "an explosion of kids" in the future, says Leboudec.

"Why wouldn't we look at that now," he says.

The reason for the review of the two schools is that the board didn't adequately address the future in the last review five years ago, he says, and his concern is that five years from now, both remaining schools will be full.

The board planning staff is already saying there will be "at least" one portable needed at Crossroads, he adds.

Leboudec says there is no doubt "the experience of parents and students at Crossroads will change once the schools merge. I won't say it will be good or bad, just that it will be different."

The board, he says, looks at portables as temporary inconveniences, predicting a decline in enrolment at Crossroads in the future.

But Town planners and board planners have different opinions about the future, says Zalepa, who also hopes to enlarge the accommodation discussion to include a bigger picture than the board is looking at.

"We need to properly project future school populations going forward," he says

"We'll take another look at growth with the planning staff, especially for St. Davids and Glendale. We've expressed a strong interest in finding ways to accommodate all NOTL students within our borders."

One of the options, he says, could be a high school in the south end of NOTL that could be closer for students from St. Catharines than the schools they're attending.

And although the options of the accommodation review are limited, he says, he was assured at last week's meeting that the discussion can be expanded, he said.

He'd like to see it look at accommodating all NOTL students, all NOTL public schools, and all grades, including high school.

"I'm told those conversations can still happen," said Zalepa.

"I'm encouraged by that."

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More than 1,000 people walk through history to celebrate Secord

Laureen Harper, wife of the prime minister, joined those who walked a part or all of the Laura Secord Legacy Trail Saturday

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

More than 1,000 people collected their medals in Thorold for walking a portion or all of the 32-kilometre Laura Secord Legacy Trail Saturday.

Laureen Harper, the prime minister's wife, walked the entire distance.

As did veteran broadcaster Valerie Pringle, patron of the Friends of Laura Secord, and Rob Nicholson, MP, Minister of Justice and attorney general.

Those who walked the distance arrived in Thorold looking hot, sweaty, dirty and thirsty, but they all had smiles on their faces, says Friends of Laura Secord president Caroline McCormick.

She was able to personally put the souvenir medal around Nicholson's neck, but Harper's time was two hours faster than anticipated, and she beat McCormick to the finish.

"Boy, can she move."

The walk—in fact the whole weekend of events commemorating Secord's historic walk—was amazing, said McCormick, a direct descendant of Laura Secord and organizer of events.

"We were absolutely thrilled. We've had nothing but 100 per cent positive feedback. There were no safety issues, all the walkers were safe. Laura must have been watching over us."

The only issue was a shortage of water at some rest stops, but "all the walkers were way better off than Laura 200 years ago," said McCormick.

Harper said following the walk that she found it a wonderful opportunity to get together with her friends and honour a Canadian heroine.

And although she wasn't the first to finish, "she wasn't far behind," said McCormick.

"In the days to come, I'm sure we'll hear some incredible stories."

The Laura Secord Commemorative Walk group set out at the Secord homestead in Queenston at 6 a.m. Saturday.

By early afternoon, Harper — accompanied by a small group of women — strolled into the final checkpoint at DeCew House in Thorold.

She said her feet were in good shape after the journey.

"We thought about how brave she would have been, and how scared she might have been," said Harper at the DeCew gathering afterward.

"While we had beautiful paths, comfortable shoes and water stations, she wouldn't have had anything like that."

She figures Secord may not have always known precisely where she was.

"But it didn't stop her," she said.

Harper also spoke of Niagara's natural beauty along Secord's route, including the flowers and the river views.

The final station at DeCew House Heritage Park featured a town crier competition and presentations of gold medallions to event participants.

With the event behind her, McCormick is looking to the future of the first interpretive trail in Canada.

"That the Trans Canada Trail now includes the legacy trail of one of the most famous women in Canada is so symbolic, so incredible. Laura's legacy will continue."

McCormick, who was hoarse and having difficulty speaking Monday, said, "Now I'm going to take a breath and start planning for next year."

With files from Don Fraser, QMI Agency Niagara

PENNY COLES Niagara Advance

Laureen Harper, wife of the prime minister, walked through the front door of the Laura Secord Homestead in Queenston Saturday and kept walking until she reached the DeCew House in Thorold 32 kilometres later.

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Locals learn concert details in preparation for crowd of 15,000

Parks Canada assures residents, business owners details have been worked out to minimize impact

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

With the City and Colour concert a few days away, Parks Canada representatives were at Navy Hall last Thursday to assure neighbours of the Butler's Barracks concert location that security, police, traffic and parking details have been finalized to ensure minimum impact on local residents and businesses.

The concert is Saturday, June 29, with St. Catharines native Dallas Green headlining the show as City and Colour. Also on the bill will be Metric, Serena Ryder, Jimmy Eat World and Yukon Blond.

Last year's show at Butler's Barracks, organized by the same promotions company, featured the Tragically Hip and was attended by more than 17,000 people. It raised about $65,000 for Parks Canada, which made the federally-owned property available.

A similar turn-out is expected to this year's event.

Although last year's concert was considered to be remarkably successful, organizers were surprised to hear from residents and businesses that there were some problems they didn't want to see repeated, and promoter AEG Live and Parks Canada committed to seeing that impact reduced as much as possible.

Residents neighbouring the Commons where the concert is being held are concerned about parking on their street, and concert-goers wandering on to their property, as they say happened last year.

There were also problems on Queen St. after the Hip concert. Many attendees arrived on shuttle buses from parking lots outside the Old Town, and when line-ups to leave the concert were taking too long, wandered into town in large groups, overcrowding local pubs.

Some missed their buses entirely and had to walk to Niagara College to reach their cars.

But businesses who had ramped up their sales staff anticipating larger crowds during the day last year were disappointed to discover people were staying away from Queen St. in droves, to avoid the concert crowd.

Jarred Picher of Parks Canada ensured a handful of people at Navy Hall Thursday that concert organizers have done their best to get the message out that it's business as usual on Queen St., and to direct traffic as it enters town to shopping, the Shaw Festival and the concert.

Police will be on hand until 4 a.m. Sunday morning, with extra security and a parking management company.

The stage will be at the same location as the Hip concert last year, but will be angled away from the Park Court—John St. neighbourhood, said Picher.

There will be 26 Niagara Regional Police working throughout the day, including some on Queen St.

A private security firm is supplying 75 security officers who will be working on-site until 2 a.m. Sunday.

All parking will be on-site, with the Commons opened up to 8,000 vehicles, and the entire area fenced to keep concert attendees contained. There are no shuttles, and John St. will be open, with police directing traffic through. No stopping or parking on John will be allowed, and vehicles that do park will be towed, said Picher. Traffic to the concert will be directed down East and West Line from Virgil, to Queen's Parade, and left on John St. for parking on the Commons. There will be police on-hand after the concert to see traffic exit in reverse.

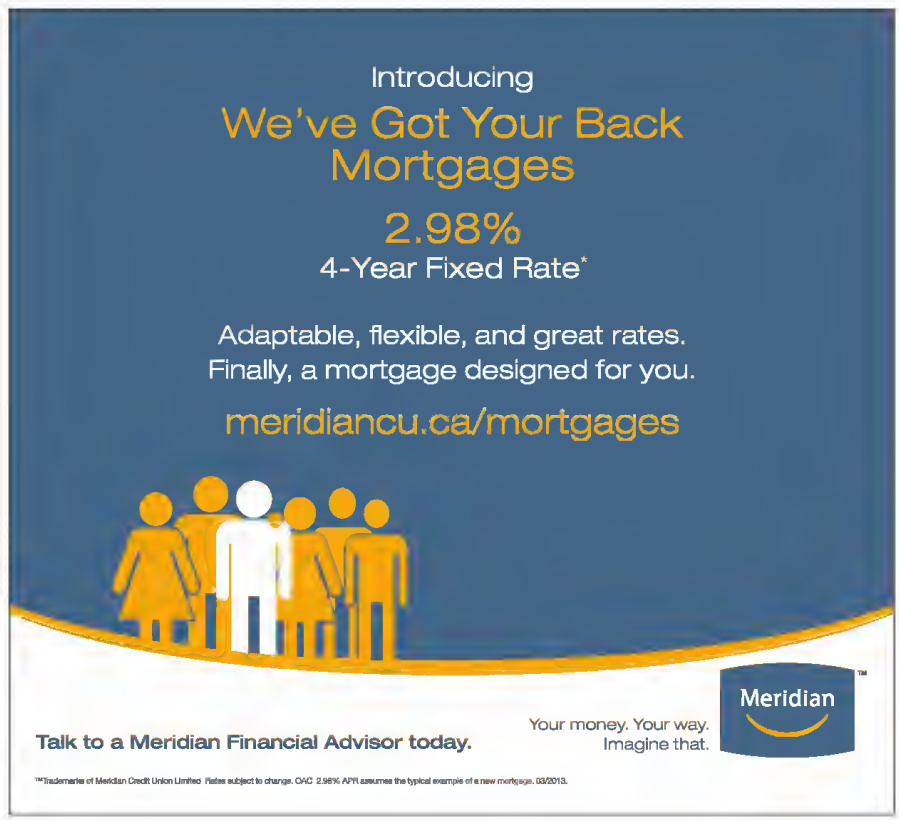
Residents of Park Court, the nearest neighbours to the concert, asked that their street be closed off, and it will be, said Picher.

Residents have already been issued passes to limit entry to their street to residents.

Concert staff will stay until 1 a.m. Sunday to clean up, and any additional work by Town staff needed following the concert will be paid for by the concert promoter.

Janice Thomson, executive director of the NOTL Chamber of Commerce, says people who expressed an interest in receiving information on the planning details were invited to a conference call a couple of weeks ago, and remaining issues were dealt with at that time. The main concerns were ensuring those visiting town for the long weekend but not going to the concert understood they wouldn't be impacted, and having concert attendees leave the site safely at the end of the concert.

"It seemed that the organizers had taken into account the feedback given at the public meetings and are working with Parks Canada to deliver a well-executed event," said Thomson.



Royal Canadian Legion plans community Canada Day celebration

Legion welcomes about 500 locals to annual event

The local branch of the Royal Canadian Legion has always hosted a Canada Day celebration for its members, but decided a few years ago to extend an invitation to the public and make it a community celebration.

There is a lot going on in Simcoe Park and at Fort George, but this event, the sixth annual july 1 Canada Day Community Celebration, is primarily intended to be a barbecue for local residents.

There is live musical entertainment from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., featuring the popular Jacquie and Linda.

There is a barbecue all day at the Legion Hall on King St., and beer and wine are served outdoors as well as the usual bar service inside.

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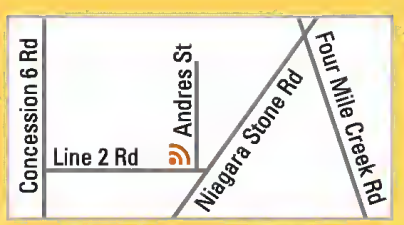

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our editorial

Good news from school board, sort of

It's the first positive sign we've had from the school board that there may be an opportunity to talk about what is really in the best interests of Niagara-on-the-Lake students.

Our town councillors and residents that make up a committee to look at the future of education in NOTL were able to finally sit down with board representatives to talk about local schools. The board has been invited to the table many times in recent years, but couldn't be persuaded to attend.

Now, with an accommodation review coming and the Town interested in looking at a bigger picture than the board is drawing for us, it seems like the conversation has begun.

We have some smart people in this town, working on behalf of our students.

Educating kids close to home apparently becomes difficult with declining enrolment, however there are some forward thinkers in town who have come up with some realistic options. Looking at them just requires a will to look past this September or even next, and to look outside the box that includes only Parliament Oak and Crossroads students.

The discussion, it seems, might even be enlarged to consider keeping high school students within town borders. Because if the solution to the elementary school situation is a Grade 7 and 8 middle school, it's not a huge leap to look at a school for students from Grade 7 to 12.

None of this is new, except possibly the thought of locating such a school closer to new development, rather than on the former Niagara District Secondary School property.

It's not new, but it's certainly timely. Let's hope the discussions continue.

Defenders of the Town

Tony Chisholm, fundraising chair of the War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee, presents Evelyne and Beatrice McGaw, daughters of Alice and Ken McGaw, with a Defender of the Town plaque for the generosity of McGaw Marketing, the latest defender. The family attends all of the 1812 events and feels fortunate to be able to live and run their business in NOTL, says Alice, and McGraw Marketing is pleased to be a part of the unique and exciting commemorations that are taking place. The McGaw contribution will help publicize and market events planned for 2013 and 2014. "We wanted to contribute to the 1812 Bicentennial Committee since we love going to see the battles, the fireworks and marches. We are very lucky to have all of this right outside our door and appreciate the work that so many community volunteers put in to make these events happen," said Alice.

letters to the editor

Thanks for great event

This past weekend my family made our annual trek to Queenston Heights and Niagara-on-the-Lake but this time it was special. Thanks to the wonderful organizing committee, Friends of Laura Secord, and the many volunteers we were able to participate in the 200 year commemorative walk.

My husband's family are direct descendants of Peter Secord, James Secord's brother. What a thrill and a challenge it was to retrace Laura's courageous steps with our 12 and 14 year old children. We can only imagine how Laura felt both emotionally and physically by the end of her journey.

We were very impressed with the warm hospitality of everyone involved and the impressive re-enactment at DeCew House. Volunteers smiled and cheered on countless participants no matter how far they had walked.

Thank you again for making our family's trek back into history a memorable one for us.

The Secord family
Acton

Firefighters are amazing

As many of you know there was a recent and most unfortunate fire on York Rd. near Queenston that could have been much worse than it was.

Due to the local firefighters' quick response, they were able to put out the fire and stop it spreading to the houses on each side.

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Naturally our first concern was that our neighbours were safe and sound. This concern quickly turned to our own house that was a mere 20 feet from the roaring inferno next door. If the fire department had not arrived so quickly our wooden house would have burnt to the ground, with all our worldly possessions inside.

Thank you once again to a fantastic effort by all those involved in helping to put out the fire. You are amazing.

The Allens,
York Rd.

Hoodies much appreciated by farm workers

Thanks for donated items

Barbara Ahluwalia
Newark Neighbours

Thanks for the hoodies which were donated by Wally Barrow of Jostens—they were given to the farm workers for Father's Day. They were thrilled to receive such a gift.

Our thanks also to John Sayers for groceries, and the Newcomers Club of Niagara for their donation of squares and cookies, a welcome addition to our food bank.

Two bikes were donated by Ed Yonelinas, which were quickly sold. There is always a need for bicycles.

Newark Neighbours will be closed June 30 and July 1 for the Canada Day long weekend.

Should any one have any thing to drop off, it would be preferable if you could bring it in on the Tuesday after the holiday. Our hours will then be back to normal.

If a food box is needed please try to give us a day's notice.

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letters to the editor

Theatre parking pass would help

I am an 81-year-old resident , having lived in NOTL for 44 years (12 before that in Niagara Falls) and I have just received my first parking ticket, $25 for parking at a space on Regent Street where the meter was not working while I went to the theatre.

I went twice to the Township office to pay it hoping to speak to one of the three people in the parking enforcement department.

The first time it was lunch time at 1:45 p.m. and I could not speak to anyone. The second time the workers were in the field and the receptionists could not help me.

In the meantime I attended another Shaw Festival performance and parked behind the Court House where the first meter was not working.

I went to the second and it swallowed two toonies before I could get the third coin in after dropping and fumbling trying to get the older coins that the machines require.

After inserting another toonie and hoping the first two would add in, I printed a ticket and only got one hour, put in another toonie and got one more hour.

I would suggest a seasonal parking pass for theatre-goers.

Constance Costanzo

Why charge for parking?

The wife and I went to Paris, Ont. for lunch recently. Paris is much like Niagara-on-the-Lake, nestled along the shores of the Grand River, lots of restaurants and shopping on the main street, yet parking is free. What a novelty.

Their population is 11,000, smaller than NOTL, yet they can somehow afford free parking.

Maybe we should ask them how this is done? Perhaps it's because they don't have to pay a half-dozen or so parking enforcement officers, because the OPP can write parking tickets just like the Niagara Regional Police can. But NOTL insists on having their own. Why? The streets of Paris were packed with tourists and parked cars but no bedlam caused by free parking. No riots or fights or panic, just tourists going about their business.

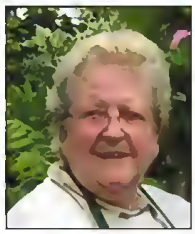
What is the town intake on parking meters and how much does it pay for parking enforcement officers?

Do the math.

Tom Simmonds

No need to drown plants – just water roots

Looking through old photographs provides indication of how well things are growing



Jean Cochrane
Happy Gardening

I should have realized when I made the statement that the blue jays had planted sunflower seeds in my garden, someone would question how I knew it was the jays.

Well, it goes back to more than 20 years ago (gosh that makes me feel old). We had not screened in the back porch, and I used a large table out there to harden off my planters.

At this particular time it was hanging baskets I had placed there, and I would come in from work and find earth all over the place and I always blamed the squirrels, yet once or twice blue jays flew off as I approached. When the time came to hang up the planters I knew something was wrong, I had strange growth upwards where downward was supposed to be. We got the step-ladder out and checked, and I could not believe it - I had hanging sunflowers, and I had not planted them.

We corrected all but one planter to see what happened and sure enough it was the blue jays who made a check on them. I took a photo of them so I could prove my point and I have been going through old pictures searching but no luck, but it did make me realize how well some things are growing this year. Just remember it is the roots that need the water, no need to drown everything.

Now all the wonderful people who are allowing us to tour their gardens on our Annual Hort Society Garden Tour are watching the weather very carefully. The date is Saturday, July 6. It promises to be a wonderful tour, 10gardens for $10. You still have time to get your tickets, you can go on line at NOTLhortsociety.com or from Mori Gardens, or if you have to leave it until the last minute, from any of the gardens.

Remember to take your camera or a little note book for all the good ideas.

Happy gardening.

Jean Cochrane's sunflowers, planted by blue jays, are only about two feet tall and not in bloom yet, but she has hopes they will look like this soon.

Residents' input important for Official Plan, blueprint for growth in town

Town planning staff want to hear from residents of all ages

Lord Mayor Dave Eke
Council update

It has been nearly 20 years since the Town adopted its Official Plan.

Many things have changed in our community during this period and will likely continue to over the next 20 years. So, as a resident, you may be asking yourself, what does the Official Plan have to do with me? And, my answer would be – plenty – and not just for you, but for future generations.

The Official Plan is the ultimate blueprint for our Town. It defines how our community will grow – from where we place new homes to the types of business we wish to attract.

Right now, we have an assortment of amendments and secondary plans that have been approved over the years.

For example, to meet emerging needs within certain neighbourhoods, secondary plans have been adopted for St. Davids, Queenston and Glendale. Currently, there is a review underway for the Dock Area Secondary Plan, which should be approved by Niagara Region very soon.

In other cases, whether responding to economic realities or provincial policies of the day, amendments to the plan have been made for things such as the use of open space, road transfers and country inns.

Not everyone may have agreed with these measures at the time, but circumstances do change and that's why it's important to make our Official Plan as relevant as possible.

Many of you will recall last year's Community Vision initiative. Residents attended a series of consultation sessions and collectively identified a number of priorities for future growth in Niagara-on-the-Lake.

We will now take those principles – ranging from a prosperous and diverse economy to strong environmental stewardship and respect for culture, heritage and recreation – and use them to guide our Official Plan review.

This process will take a few years to get to a final plan and will entail a number of consultation sessions to gather crucial public input. That is why we need to hear from you – whether you are 80 years old or 18 years old – to determine where Niagara-on-the-Lake is headed and perhaps more importantly, what is left behind as a legacy for those who follow in our steps.

Lord Mayor Dave Eke encourages residents to watch for meeting notices on the Official Plan Review. A special meeting of Council will be held on Monday, July 22, at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers to discuss this process and suggested revisions to the plan.

MP Rob Nicholson and James Love of the Royal Canadian Mint unveil a new coin to commemorate Laura Secord Friday, at the Laura Secord Homestead in Queenston.

Stamp, coin unveiled

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Eldrid Mageli travelled a long way to join in the commemorations of her ancestor's historic walk through history.

Mageli is from Norway, and grew up knowing she had a famous ancestor who had performed a heroic deed that influenced the history of Canada.

Laura Secord's oldest daughter, Laura Mary Davis, who was widowed at a young age, left Canada in 1830 for Ireland with her two little girls.

Her journey was dramatic and difficult, and was recorded in a document that eventually made its way into the hands of Mageli, a descendant of Laura Secord's oldest daughter and the fourth cousin of Caroline McCormick, president of the Friends of Laura Secord and organizer of Saturday's commemorative walk.

Mageli, a historian, was never really sure whether the document she held would be considered significant in Canada, but was put in touch with a local author who has written about Secord.

David Hemmings says when he first heard from Mageli, who claimed to be a descendent, he was sceptical—he's heard that before.

He changed his tune when he heard her ancestry and that she had a document written by Secord's daughter about a branch of the family that had disappeared, leaving a gap in written history.

He was happy to to have that blank filled in, he said.

And Mageli, who is here to enjoy the weekend of events, including the unveiling of the stamp and coin to commemorate Secord and Saturday's walk, was happy to discover she could help.

She hadn't planned to come to Canada, but when she heard about the commemorations, she couldn't resist.

"If I was ever going to come, it would be at this time, and I'm really happy I did," she said.

"It's also wonderful to know that I could contribute to this story at such a meaningful time in history."

Caroline McCormick, president of the Friends of Laura Secord, is joined by her brother Roger Mitchell, his daughter Paige Mitchell, Caroline's sister Alanna Mitchell, her granddaughter Delaney McCormick and Delaney's mom Taryn McCormick at the Laura Secord Homestead Friday for the unveiling of the stamp and coin to honour Secord. All are direct descendants of the woman who completed her heroic walk 200 years ago.

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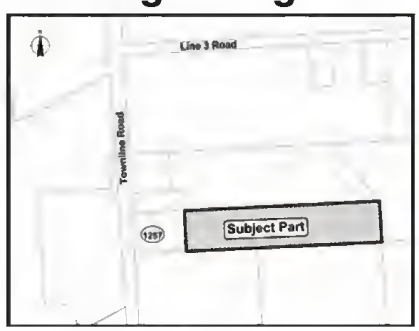
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
ES Townline Road - Zoning Change

PURPOSE
Rezone the subject parcel to Agriculture Purposes Only (APO) Zone to preclude its use for residential purposes.



HAVE YOUR SAY
Input on any proposed zoning change is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.

PUBLIC MEETING

Date:	**July 22, 2013**
Time:	**7:00 p.m. or as soon as possible thereafter**
Place:	**Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake Administration Offices Council Chambers 1593 Four Mile Creek Road Virgil, Ontario**

WRITTEN SUBMISSION
To provide input in writing, or to request personal notice if the proposed change is adopted, please send a letter c/o Town Clerk Holly Dowd, 1593 Four Mile Creek Road, P.O. Box 100, Virgil, Ontario, L0S 1T0.

MORE INFORMATION
For more information please contact Kay Grant, MCIP, RPP, Planner II at 905 468-3266, extension 297. A copy of this notice can be found on the Town's website at www.notl.org.

LEGAL NOTICE
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Dated at the Town of Niagara-on-tha-Laka thia 27th day of June 2013.

NOTL's planning manager promoted to planning director

John Henricks takes over as former director Milena Avramovic moves on

John Henricks, former manager of plannng for the town of Niagara-on-the-Lake, has been promoted to director of planning.

His official title, which takes effect July 13, is Director of Community and Development Services, which includes planning, bylaw enforcement, building services and economic development.

Henricks has periodically served as acting director for the department.

As planning manager in his 16 months working for the Town , he has overseen the regulatory approval process for several significant development projects, including the Outlet Collection at Niagara.

"It is an honour to be asked to serve this community as Director of Community and Development Services," said Henricks.

"I look forward to working with council, staff and all residents; this is truly an incredible community and we are proud to have made it our home."

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

590 Mississagua Street - Draft Plan of Vacant Land Condominium and Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

Proposed zoning amendment to permit 7 single detached dwellings and draft plan approval for a vacant land condominium. The lands were previously approved for a 10-unit townhouse condominium development.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

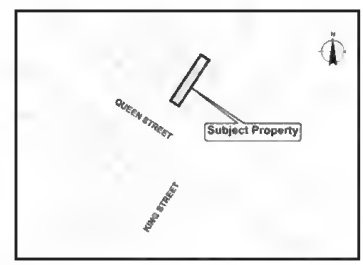
7 Queen Street - Zoning Amendment

PROPOSED CHANGE

Proposed zoning amendment to permit a small microbrewery including retail sales and sampling areas.

HAVE YOUR SAY

Input on any proposed matter is welcome and encouraged. You can provide input by speaking at the public meeting or by making a written submission to the Town.



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Residents, developer appeal four–storey Anne St. apartment building

While Anne St. neighbours work on appeals, developer negotiates with town planners

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Neighbours of a proposed four-storey apartment building on Anne St. in the Old Town are appealing to the Ontario Municipal Board.

The property owner, developer Benny Marotta of Solmar, is also appealing, but says he continues to negotiate with the Town and hopes a compromise can avoid a hearing.

Residents of Anne St. are planning to ask the OMB to oppose a zoning and Official Plan amendment that would allow a condominium apartment to go ahead.

A four-three majority of council—Lord Mayor Dave Eke and Counc. Dennis Dick were absent for the vote—approved a four-storey building with up to 105 units.

Marotta's original plan called for 140 units.

Neighbours don't believe a four-storey building is appropriate on their street, which has 19 homes on it.

It's the former property of the Sentineal family home and horse barn.

Anne St. residents have been outspoken about the development, sending a clear "no" to council at several public meetings.

The town planning department did win two major concessions during the process.

The developer has agreed to a different design for the access to an underground parking garage, which should eliminate car lights shining into neighbours' yards and windows at night.

And a major change to the design of the front of the building has been incorporated. Only the centre of the building will be four storeys, says town planning manager John Henricks.

The two sides are only three storeys, which will be easier on neighbours and have less impact on the streetscape.

Also, the four-storey portion is set back 100 feet, giving the appearance of several buildings, rather than one huge mass.

The developer had already reduced the height and number of units from an earlier plan for a five-storey building, and had gone back to the drawing board in an attempt to come up with something residents might accept.

When councillors voted on the zoning and Official Plan amendments, they spoke of the danger of going to the Ontario Municipal Board without an agreement, which could mean the concessions would be lost and the developer could end up with permission to move ahead with his original proposal.

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'Simple – don't amend Official Plan'

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Marotta says he believes neighbours will be pleased with his upscale design and the quality of his build.

"This will be the best project ever done in Niagara-on-the-Lake," he said.

"Solmar is in the business of building quality and elegant structures, and of giving locals the best they've ever seen. This project will bring the neighbourhood up a notch."

He said he is happy the Town has been willing to work with Solmar, and continues to work to an agreement that could put an end to an appeal hearing.

"The town politicians really care about not wasting money on things that at the end of the day don't account for anything," he said.

"Instead of fighting they've worked with us. They asked us to work with them and do what's best to benefit the municipality and local residents. Right now we're still talking and we're trying to work things out," said Marotta.

"I'm pretty sure we can reach an agreement that's for the best of everybody."

But Anne St. resident Doug Snider is determined to put a stop to what will be his closest neighbour if the proposal goes ahead.

"Medium density could include upscale townhomes, with an English village type of design, that would fit much better with the neighbourhood," he says.

"We told town council a resounding no to this development, and council said yes."

His neighbour Bill Fietje agrees.

"We don't want an apartment complex in this neighbourhood. We want something that's fitting for this town and this street."

Snider, a local real estate agent, says the Town planning department is always keen on maintaining streetscape when it looks at new development, but isn't being consistent with this proposal.

"Our message is simple. Don't amend the Official Plan and there won't be an apartment building."

He filed his appeal Monday, and expects about a dozen neighbours to join in appealling the Town's decision.

Once the stately Sentineal home that put a roof over the heads of hundreds of foster boys, this Anne St. house is on one of three lots that have been purchased by Solmar, to be the future site of a four-storey condominium apartment. Although residents are not happy with the proposal, they would like to see the property cleaned up.

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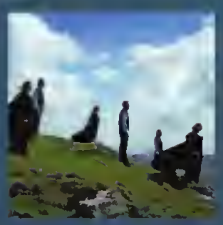

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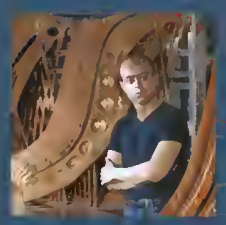

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Lots of activities in town to keep kids busy this summer

Town pools, splash pad, library, tennis and sailing clubs and day camps offer fun in the summer

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

The last day of school has arrived, and fortunately there are lots of activities in Niagara-on-the-Lake to keep kids busy over the summer.

Both pools in town are open for lessons, public, lane and family swims, beginning tomorrow.

The Memorial Pool opened June 17 for public swimming but the regular pool schedules begin at both pools Saturday, June 29 through to Labour Day weekend.

Registration for lessons can be make at the pools—Memorial Pool can be contacted at 905-468-2804, the St. Davids Pool at 905-262-5120.

Both pools will offer group, semi-private and private lessons.

Public swims are seven days a week from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

There is also a family swim from 4 to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The two pools operate a combined swim team, the Electrifying Eels, for swimmers aged five to 17. Members must be able to swim one length of the pool unassisted.

There are five meets throughout the summer held Saturday mornings. Practices are from 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, and Thursday at Memorial Pool and Wednesday in St. Davids.

The NOTL Sailing Club offers an all-day sailing program for kids ages 10 to 16, with two four-week sessions from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

For more information call 905-468-3966, or visit wwwniaarasailing.on.ca.

The NOTL Tennis Club promotes young players learning skills and developing a life-long passion for the sport.

Two four-week programs are offered, for kids ages four and up.

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The NOTL Tennis Club offers two four-week programs for kids ages four and up.

All–day fun at splash pad

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There is also a one-week half day Tennis Fun Camp combining tennis skills, recreational swimming and soccer to give kids a half day of physical activity. Sessions run from 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily. Registration is for one week at a time. Visit niagaratenniclub.com for details.

The Niagara Pumphouse Art Centre will be offering art classes, on a drop-in basis, for kids ages five to 12.

Classes are Monday to Friday, July and August, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., and are $10 per class for members and $15 for non-members, with a different theme each week. For more information call 905-467-5455.

The NOTL Public Library will offer a Summer Reading Club this summer, with some prizes for kids who participate. Days are Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays beginning Saturday, June 29 and running until Aug. 10, for kids ages three to 12.

The library will also hold family movie times, craft sessions, Story Time, a Lego Block Party, Mad Science Day, Dr. Seuss Day and many other fun activities for kids. Visit the library website for details—there is a cost for some sessions and all require advance registration.

The Boys and Girls Club will hold a summer camp program at the Royal Canadain Legion Hall for kids ages six to 12 Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m, with arts, crafts, indoor and outdoor sports. Cost is $130 per week. For more information call 905-937-1072 or visit club@boysandgirlsclubniagara.org.

A NOTL Summer Fun Day Camp will be offered by Niagara Nursery School and Child Care Centre for kids ages three to 10.

The eight-week program runs from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost per week for a full day is $175, but half-days and before and after care are also offered. For more information call 905-468-4386 or visit niagaranurseryschool.ca.

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Historical Museum will offer a children's program this summer.

Kid Curators is for children ages eight to 12 who want to experience history and culture in town, traveling on foot to experience it and documenting their expeditions after talking to experts on the sites they visit.

The program runs Wednesday afternoons beginning July 31. Contact the Niagara Historical Museum at 905-468-3912 or mahanson@niagarahistorical.museum.

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Crossroads Public School students celebrate the end of school at the new splash pad in Virgil, which will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., at no cost, until September.

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Blaze ravages York Rd. home

No one injured in fire that is thought to have started in garage

Don Fraser
QMI Agency Niagara

The roof collapsed and the garage and care inside were destroyed in a Saturday evening blaze on York Rd.
Photo submitted

It came as one boom! Then another — a 7 p.m. commotion on Saturday that jolted the Kiss couple in their Niagara-on-the-Lake home.

"I said 'what a celebration up at Queenston Heights,'" said Mary Kiss, the morning after a large blaze ravaged the house next door at 2002 York Rd.

The fire appeared to have started in the garage, and spread to the roof area.

"We saw black smoke coming from the car, then afterwards the flames," Kiss said.

"The flames were just coming out everywhere.

"We were in such shock, and so was my husband," she said. The couple add they're relived there are no injuries.

Niagara-on-the-Lake deputy fire chief Joe Zambito estimates damage in the hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Zambito said the homeowner was present when the blaze started.

"He was doing some yard maintenance, attending to the property, when he noticed smoke was coming out of the garage," he said.

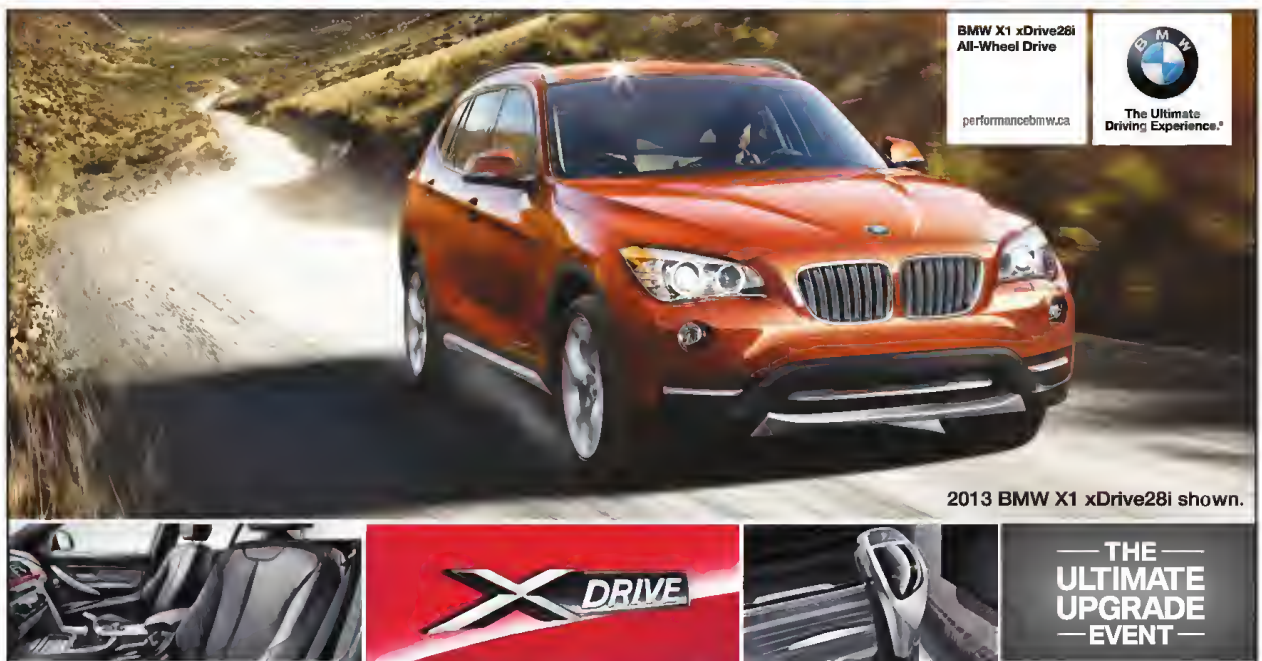
The man's wife and two children were not home at the time.

"On our arrival the garage was fully involved and already breaching into the attic," he said,

"Basically, the ceiling has collapsed inside the second floor," Zambito added. "We have substantial debris throughout the home and into the ail level as well.

The garage and a Mercedes car inside it were destroyed, in a blaze declared under control by town firefighters in about 30 minutes.

Zambito said the Ontario Fire Marshall's Office is investigating and the home is insured.



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Gail Wardle and Nia instructor Did Wilson (back, centre) raised $1500 at their recent dance and dinner at Stonechurch Vineyards for One Billion Rising, a movement to end violence against women and girls globally. The Nia Dancers were supported by Harmonic Motion, a live band that plays exclusively for Nia dance events, and the more than 75 dancers and men who attended the event. This was the second annual event and the group is planning another for next year as well as the annual Feb. 14 One Billion Rising fundraiser

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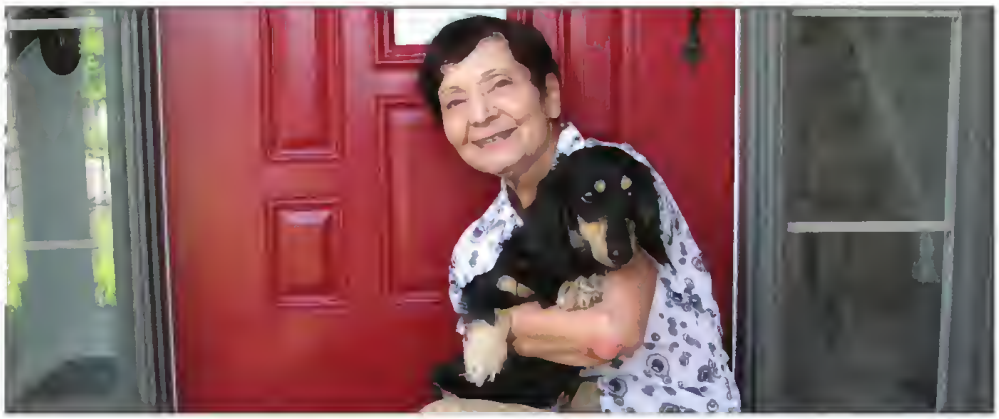

PENNY COLES
Niagara Advance

Camilla Sciamanda has Mylo back at home, safe, and returning to health.

After fending for himself for almost a month, the 19-pound miniature black and cream-coloured dachshund is home.

Camilla Sciamanda had only had Mylo a few months when the two-year-old, a rescue pup, went missing from her latched-gate Frontier Dr. backyard.

She had let him out as she did every evening at 10 p.m. for "last call," but Sunday, May 19, when she went to let him in, he was gone.

She put up posters in the area, advertised in the paper and contacted the two humane societies in Niagara Falls and St. Catharines and the local animal control officers—but in more than three weeks, hadn't received a single word from anybody who had any news of Mylo.

She worried about him constantly. He's a timid, cuddly lap dog, not suited to being out on his own, she said.

She admits now she had given up hope, had to consider, as most people probably thought when they heard her story, that he was the victim of a coyote.

About three weeks after he went missing, local woman Helen Robinson was driving by a field near Townline Road and Lakeshore—a long way from Frontier Dr. and Virgil—and saw what she first thought was a cat. But then she noticed the eyes, and realized it was a small dog, and stopped, picked him up and took him home. She had seen one of the posters around town, and contacted Sciamanda.

He's had a few trips since to see a veterinarian. He had been hit by a car, his back left leg was fractured, and healing had already begun, but his leg is not straight.

Resetting was not advised, says Sciamanda, so she watches over him and hopes one day he will be able to run as dachshunds love to do.

But he's back with her, he's happy, and Sciamanda is delighted to have him home safe and sound.

"It will be some time before he will be able to run with abandon," she says.

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Crossroads principal moves to DSBN

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Marian Reimer Friesen came to Niagara-on-the-Lake a decade ago as the principal of Col. John Butler School.

She loved the small town community school from the beginning, including the students and parents.

When Butler was going to close and students would merge with Virgil students to attend Crossroads, a brand new school that opened two years ago, she took over a principal of the two schools combined.

Part of her job focus then became linking the student bodies whenever possible, to ensure a smooth transition for them.

She moved with the students to the new school when it opened, but will not be around, at least not as principal, for the accommodation review of Crossroads and Parliament Oak, or its outcome.

She hasn't been asked to be a facilitator for that review, and doesn't know who will have that position.

But as superintendant of the area of schools that includes Niagara-on-the-Lake and St. Catharines, she will be watching over the process.

"Crossroads will still be one of my schools, and I'll continue to be caring for everybody, but in a different way," she says.

"I'll be here for the review along with everyone else. I don't think I'll have a role in it. But I'll be listening along with everyone else."

Leaving the school, the town and the families she has worked with for a decade "will be sad, for sure," she says.

"I love NOTL, I love the children, and the parents are so warm, caring and supportive."

She won't miss the commute from her west-end St. Catharines home, and she looks forward to her new job.

"It's exciting to have a new job, new challenges, and it is an honour to be selected," she says.

"But it's definitely bittersweet. I'm going to miss this school very much."

In the spring of 2010, Marian Reimer Friesen (left), principal of the former Virgil and Col. John Butler schools, vice-principal Melanie Sendzik and then-Grade 6 students Maddie Peters from Virgil and Adam Dingman from Butler were part of a committee organizing a contest to name Crossroads, the school that opened in September, 2011.

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Mom, kittens need homes with loving families

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You could say it's taking a village to raise a kitten.

Laura Howarth and several of her friends and neighbours in the Ricardo and Wellington St. area of the Old Town have been watching over a small mother cat and her litter of four kittens for weeks.

Howarth first heard from a friend that the kittens had been born in a wood pile, but when she went looking for them, they were gone.

She had everyone in the neighbourhood looking for the litter, which the mom had relocated, making it tough for those who wanted to help.

They eventually found them near an empty house, and they've been in a safe spot for the last few weeks, says Howarth. All the kittens have been checked by one of the veterinarians at Upper Canada Animal Hospital, and they are all healthy and in a temporary home.

Dr. Jim Turpel charged her only for the check-up of the mother, said Howarth, who is paying for medication to treat worms and fleas. She is also buying kitten and cat food and litter for them.

Howarth's aim is to find good, loving homes for the mom and kittens, with families who will ensure they are spayed or neutered.

"I would desperately love to see them all live safe, healthy lives as indoor cats. These are five felines that hopefully will never again be on the streets. There are too many strays roaming the streets of our beautiful town."

The mom is a beautiful cat, becoming more so as Howarth nurses her back to health, and although she's timid, she's becoming more friendly, Howarth says.

The kittens are accustomed to being handled by now and will make good pets, she believes.

If she is unsuccessful at finding them homes, she has found a rescue group that has agreed to take them if room becomes available.

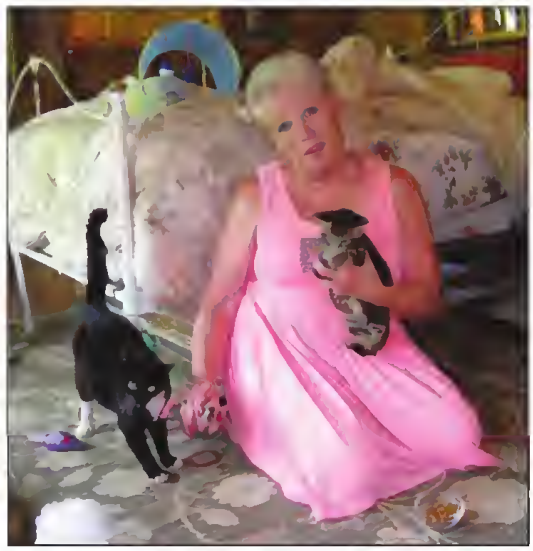
At the moment, she says, all humane societies and rescue groups in the area are filled to capacity and turning cats and kittens away.

Howarth has herself been trapping wild cats for more than a decade, and has paid for several of them to be spayed or neutered, for medication, and even for dentistry, before trying to find homes for them.

There are several homeless cats in her neighbourhood, being fed and looked after by soft-hearted people who worry about them, she says.

"I would love for people to be more responsible for their cats, and keep them indoors."

If anyone is interested in adopting these kittens or their mom, call Howarth at 905-468-3520.



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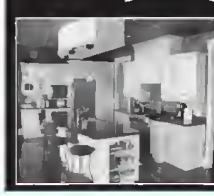

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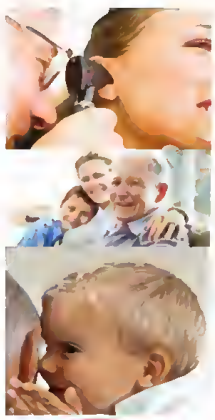

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Pritchard, Holmes retire, but Grace United minister staying nearby

Local minister has enjoyed taking on persona of 1812 circuit rider, and will apply what he learned to model of ministry for the future

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

Rev. Ninian Holmes made his last local appearance Sunday, but Rev. Dave Pritchard is staying close by.

Pritchard, 65, is retiring from his position at Grace United Church, and at the same time is retiring Holmes, his alter-ego, the circuit rider who ministered to Methodists of the Niagara area during the War of 1812.

He as taken on that persona many times since taking a three-month sabbatical from Grace United about two years ago, to research the early days of Methodism in Canada.

While reading about the circuit riders who began coming to Niagara in 1795 on horse-back to preach, he had discovered a gap in records during the period of the War of 1812, and hoped to fill in some of that gap.

Pritchard's studies led him to references of a handful of people who continued to preach Methodism in Niagara during the war years.

He hoped his research would help him develop a re-enactment character, a peaceful observer who provide a perspective different from the military approach.

The person he chose was Holmes, who served on the circuit from 1811 to 1813.

Pritchard's wife Judith, a talented seamstress, researched the dress of the day and made period clothing for herself and her husband, and since then the couple often appearing locally at Grace and other 1812 commemorations in costume of the day.

Pritchard first appeared as Holmes at Grace in September, 2011. In addition to appearing weekly at the church last summer to talk about events of 200 years ago, he has been in demand as a speaker at many other events, and has taken advantage of the opportunity to talk about life and Methodism in the early 1800s.

"It's been an amazing experience," he says.

But perhaps the most meaningful result of his studies, he adds, is his understanding of the model of curcuit ministry and how it can apply to the present day.

The United Church is struggling with too many churches, a shortage of ministers and a decrease in the size of most congregations, and as a result, many churches are looking for part-time ministers to share.

The model of circuit ministry is a way to provide ministry for struggling churches, to ensure strong leadership continues, he says.

"The circuit model worked during its time, providing strong leadership but at the same time staying flexible."

The Pritchards have sold their current home, and are building in St. Davids for retirement. He plans to use his time to develop a model of circuit ministry that could provide a solution to the current situation, he says.

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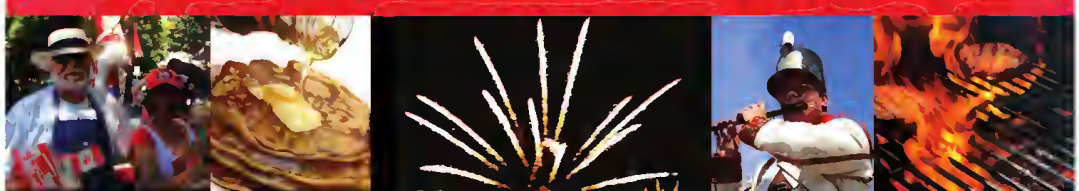

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Minister's work will continue on circuit ministry research

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"That this is a 200-year-old idea with contemporary relevance is startling, and engaging to people," he says.

While Ninian Holmes went out in style last Sunday, Pritchard's farewell service will be held at Grace this Sunday, June 30.

Rev. Dave Pritchard has made his last appearance as Methodist circuit rider Rev. Ninian Holmes. Pritchard retires from Grace United Church this week, with his farewell service Sunday.

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Lions support local teen heading to Croatia

Penny Coles
Niagara Advance

When Mackenzie Wiens decided she wanted to travel abroad with the Lions Youth Exchange program, she had no intention of choosing one of the more popular, "easy" locations.

Her first choice was India, but she soon learned that conditions there would limit her ability to see the country and experience the culture, so she settled on Croatia.

"I didn't want to go to Italy or Spain. Croatia is different, but beautiful, right on the Adriatic Sea. It's been called the Florida of Europe," said Wiens.

"If I'm going to do this and experience as much as I can experience, I want to learn about a culture that's completely different from ours."

The country has some of the oldest European cities, she added.

"The more I look into it, the more I'm glad I chose it."

She will be away three weeks, leaving July 3, and will spend half the time living with a Croatian family, the other half at a Lions International camp with other members of the exchange program from around the world.

The goal of the exchange is to have teens living with a family, experiencing their lives and learning about their culture. While she expects to have fun and relax, "it's not a vacation mentality."

While at camp, there are some sight-seeing outings planned for the teens.

"They take you on trains, planes, buses - they take you all over the country," she says. "And it's not a large country."

Wiens has just finished her Grade 11 year at Ridley College, where she moved from Eden to play on the College's hockey team, hoping to earn a U.S. university scholarship for both strong academics and her hockey prowess.

Her parents are members of the Niagara-on-the-Lake Lions Club, and both the NOTL and St. Davids clubs have given her financial support for her trip, which is expected to cost upwards of $2,000.

Wiens is responsible for her own transportation costs, and pocket money, and being out of the country for three weeks makes finding a summer job difficult, so she is very appreciative of the Lions' financial support and of her parents' help, she says.

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Mackenzie Wiens, 18, accepts a cheque from Al Snider of St. Davids Lions Club to help finance her trip to Croatia as part of the Lions Youth Exchange Program.

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Croatia has beautiful countryside and interesting culture, teen says

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And the fact that she will be travelling with a friend who is also going to Croatia, supported by the Grantham Lions Club, with a 13-hour layover in Madrid, is slightly reassuring, although she isn't the least bit nervous, she adds—just very excited.

She hopes to learn more about her host family before she leaves, but she is sure language won't be a barrier—young people learn English at school and are fluent by the time they're teens.

The south of Croatia where she is staying is a popular tourist destination, so she is expecting people in stores and restaurants will also likely speak English.

She is most excited about learning the culture of another country, she says.

"It's not like learning from a geography text book. You're talking to people who are from that country, you're learning about their life."

She has already experienced a little of that at Ridley, which has a new International Baccalaureate program that attracts students from all over the world.

"This past year I've been in a very international program. I've made friends with people from all over the world at Ridley, and they're all very well-travelled. I'm the virgin traveller of the group, and they're all really excited for me and very helpful."

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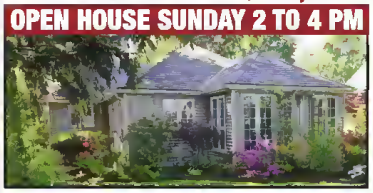

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Artistry by the Lake is 100 % Canadian

Juried exhibit raises standard of art

Melissa Mangelsen
Niagara Advance

When attending a juried art show, people's expectations of the product are always a bit higher.

Julie Clark said she really enjoys the juried exhibits because they produce the highest quality art and original art.

Clark is one of many local artists who will be participating in this year's Artistry by the Lake, Saturday, June 29 to Monday, July 1 at Queen's Royal Park.

Artistry by the Lake is 100% Canadian.

Doug Mantegna who makes Inuit silk scarves, will also be featured at Artistry by the Lake, his fifth show there.

"It's a means to get a reaction from the public. Shows are really fun to do, and it gives broader exposure to Inuit art. What I make is wearable art," he said.

Mantegna has a contract with Cape Dorset, which is known as the Capital of Inuit Art. He represents several Inuit artists, taking their work and turning it into jewelry, scarves, carpets and various accessories.

His scarves are hand silk screen printed on silk crepe de chine pleated fabric.

Collectors everywhere prize Inuit art because it has told the story of culture and folklore for many generations. Inuit artists have made carvings and drawings of the birds, beasts, and fishes with whom they shared the frozen Arctic environment.

Clark is a mixed media photographer, who combines photography and encaustic to create painterly images. Her works include images of flowers, pets, nature, Scottish landscapes and interesting details that capture her imagination.

Clark is a fresh face to Niagara-on-the-Lake, moving here two months ago from Toronto.

"My parents have lived in Niagara-on-the-Lake for about 20 years. I set up a studio in my house here, which allows me to do all my own printing," she said.

Artist Julie Clark has been at Artistry by the Lake before and looks forward to this weekend's juried exhibit.

Clark has participated in a lot of Toronto art shows and was in Artistry by the Lake the last three years.

"I really like the outdoor shows. It's great to be in the same show with other really talented artists. There's also the challenge of the unknown. You never know what is going to happen, weather-wise. For myself the heat is a challenge because of the encaustic. It becomes very tacky."

Encaustic is almost like beeswax and is sensitive to heat.

"I think people really enjoy the outdoor shows too, they enjoy spending a nice day outside looking at the work and hopefully purchasing some for their house," said Clark.

She said the market in NOTL is a little different from Toronto because of the tourists.

"The majority of people who attend art shows in Toronto are the artists looking for new ideas," she said.

"I hope to appeal to the tourists that are coming through Niagara-on-the-Lake."

Mantegna moved to Niagara-on-the-Lake from Oakville and has continued to produce Inuit art from his home. He has been working with the Inuits since 1970, when he began doing scarves.

Because no supplier carries Mantegna's work in NOTL, he is hoping that this will reach out to people who are interested in Inuit art.

"I'm hoping that there will be a place in NOTL that will carry my product in the near future," he added.

The 26th annual show will take place from 10 to 5 p.m., daily. Admission is free, and there is an anticipated attendance of 10,000 people over the course of the three-day event.

For more information contact events@niagaraonthelake.com or 905-468-1950.

Other notable Niagara-on-the-Lake artists that are participating are Patricia Paquin, Debbie Delesky, Mike Telega, Lillian Broker and Madeline Gray and Loraine Craig.

Doug Mantegna, with Inuit artist Kenojuak Ashevak, the recipient of two honourary doctorates and is the subject of several books and film. Her work will be on display at Artistry by the Lake this weekend.

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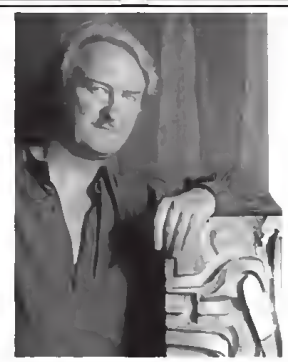

CAMPBELL SYDNEY SCOTT
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It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Campbell Scott at the Niagara-on-the-Lake Hospital on June 13, 2013. He was the son of Robert and Catharine Scott and was pradeceased by his beloved brother Gordon. He is survived by his sister-in-law Judith Scott and nieces Alison and Maureen and their children. He was a much loved uncle.
Campbell was born in Milngave Scotland. Campbell attended The Glasgow School of Art and upon graduation was awarded the Medal of Honour. He apprenticed for five years on The Clyde as a Master Woodcarver. In 1951 he emigrated to Canada. Campbell trained as a teacher and joined the St. Catharines Collegiate faculty where he taught for 35 years. While there he influenced and inspired his students, a number of whom went on to study cabinet. His students continued to visit Campbell throughout his life time.
Campbell was truly a renaissance man. Whatever he turned his mind to was eccomplished with professionel fleir. He loved wilderness canoeing, wes e seilor, gardener, poet and Scottish dancer. His major accomplishments were as a Graphic Artist. He was also a successful sculptor, jewelry designer and worked in pottery. His love of learning and travel took him around the world. He studiad in Paris with world renowned engraver Stanley Hayter as well as at The Copenhagen School of Fine Art. In Poland he studied Poster Making and spent time in Japan studying Wood Block printing. A key masterpiece was the design and building of his unique home in Niagara-on-the-Lake which is to this day a testament to his genius. His work as a Graphic Artist is represented in The British Museum in London, the Bibliotheque National in Paris, the Scottish National Gallery of Modern Art, the Victoria and Albert Museum in London and in numerous other Galleries throughout Europe and North America.
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Sports

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Jr. B T–Hawks playoff–bound with 13 season wins, 5 losses

Two strong weekend wins earn T-Hawks second place in southwest division

The Niagara-on-the-Lake Jr. B Thunderhawks Lacrosse Club have assured themselves a place in the play-offs with two big wins this weekend.

Travelling to Brampton Saturday the T-Hawks showed true grit in 100 degree Farenheit-plus arena temperature by defeating the Excelsiors in dramatic fashion, down 14-13 with 3.4 seconds left on the clock

T-Hawks assistant captain Ryan Wagner scored to force overtime, and Niagara went on to score five more goals in the 10-minute overtime period to win 19-14.

Recently acquired Anthony Patterson had a five-point night with three goals and two assists, as Blade Garlow and Dave Evert also turned in hat tricks.

Max Antone and Austin Wright scored two goals apiece; with singles going to Moe Bissell; Ryan Wagner; Cam Seneca and Connor Overstrom.

On Sunday the Thunderhawks travelled to the mid-west division to play the leading Orangeville Northmen.

The always-tough Northmen were undefeated at home with eight straight victories.

Niagara was up for the task and dominated the game from the goaltender out, winning 13 – 7 to improve their record to 13 wins against 5 losses.

Wyatt Fauzey played great in net, shutting down the Orangeville attack to just two goals in the final 2 periods.

Assistant captain Blade Garlow again turned in a strong performance with six points (three goals and three assists).

Captain Joe Ditto and Anthony Patterson chipped in two goals each, with Derek Merza, Brennan Ferguson, Evert, Seneca, Bissell and Wright adding singles.

With two games remaining the team has secured second place in the southwest division and awaits a playoff opponent.

The first round of playoffs will be held between July 5 and July 10. Check the Meridian Credit Union Arena sign on Four Mile Creek Rd. for game times.

Hendriks U-12s pull off win

NOTL Minor Soccer Association's U-12 Hendriks Valu-mart interlock team battled hard Wednesday, beating a tough Thorold team 5-2. Goals were scored by Max Smit, Joey Carone, and Ethan Siemens, with amazing support from their teammates and strong goal-keeping from Eric Randall who challenged several plays and made nice saves.

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The IEC 3-2 win came against Chelsea's Style at Memorial Park June 15, after opening the scoring 10 minutes into the match, on a goal by Nickolas Peters.

The team's second goal was just a few minutes later. IEC's Frankie Aceti began the drive by stealing the ball near centre field on a great defensive move, moved to the outside and passed it up to open forward Alex Ness.

Ness moved in on net and kicked a high shot on goal hitting the cross bar, having the ball bounce down on the goal line but not in.

IEC centre Maxwell Bredin joining in on the rush, moved in on the loose ball just out of goal keepers reach and kicked in the net

Chelsea's Style turned up the pressure in the second half with impressive control and selfless passing, resulting in their first goal scored by Rylan Greatrix.

In the second half, Peters scored for IEC, and Greatrix earned his second goal for Chelsea's.

IEC's scoreless tie came against Bice Builders Saturday at Memorial Park, both teams without a loss in the regular season and both with great effort and equal scoring chances.

Standout performances for IEC were defencemen trio Braden Lounsbury, Michael Dritsakos and Jaden Muthiah who held their ground pressuring the ball carriers outside the penalty box, greatly reducing the number of offensive chances of the opposing team.

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